

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 8, 2013 to June 4, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing the proposed construction of design refinements to the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, Phase 2 to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Transportation: Federal Transit Administration: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, applicant

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has completed preliminary engineering for Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, a 23.1 mile extension of the Washington Metrorail system in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. Phase 2 begins at the Wiehle Avenue-Reston East station and extends 11.4 miles west to and beyond Dulles International Airport to the Route 772 station in eastern Loudoun County. Design refinements have been made since the approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement in 2004. These refinements, included in a Refined Locally Preferred Alternative, consist of the following, all of which are described in detail in Chapter 2 of the EA and in the Federal Transit Administration's Finding of No Significant Impact:

- Herndon-Monroe Station parking facilities: consolidation in a single garage structure
- Route 28 Station, north side facilities
- Dulles Airport aerial alignment and station location
- Route 772 south side station facilities: reconfiguration and reduction in surface parking
- Rail yard: change to the layout
- Ancillary facilities: revised stormwater facilities location, reduction in tail track length, changes to sub-station and tie-breaker station locations.

MWAA states that the proposed project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (April 26, 2013 letter, page 2).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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